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Claim 1 (Amended) A stator for a rotating electric machine for high voltages, comprising a stator, [with] a stator core and a winding, and a rotor, [wherein] said stator core [is provided with] including stator teeth extending radially inwards, towards said rotor[, characterized in that each stator tooth is] configured as a number of tooth sections jointed axially (into) forming a stator tooth plank [and that], a number of said stator tooth planks [are fitted] being fit together side by side [thus] forming a section of a stator core up to [or] a complete stator core, [and] such that when an electric field is generated said field [which] is enclosed within the winding for at least one turn thereof [of the winding].

Claim 2. (Amended) A stator according to claim 1, wherein [characterized in that] a number of [the] said sections [of a stator core] are joined together in order to [achieve] form a complete stator core.

Claim 3. (Amended) A stator according to claim 1, wherein [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that] said winding [is provided by means of an insulated conductor which] comprises at least one current-carrying conductor, a first layer having semiconducting properties [provided around] surrounding said conductor, a solid insulating layer [provided around] surrounding said first layer, and a second layer having semiconducting properties [provided around] surrounding said insulating layer.

Claim 4. (Amended) A stator according to claim 3, wherein [characterized in that] the stator winding comprises [is provided by means of] a cable[, preferably a high voltage cable].

Claim 5. (Amended) A stator according to claim 3, wherein [any one of claims 3-4, characterized in that said insulated conductor or said] the cable is flexible.

Claim 6. (Amended) A stator according to claim 3, wherein [any one of claims 3-5, characterized in that] at least one of said first layer and said second layer forms an [is arranged to constitute a substantially] equipotential surface surrounding said conductor.

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Claim 7. (Amended) A stator according to claim 3, wherein [to any one of claims 3-6, characterized in that] said second layer is [connected] connectable to a predetermined potential.

Claim 8. (Amended) A stator according to claim 7, wherein [characterized in that] said predetermined potential is ground potential.

Claim 9. (Amended) A stator according to claim 3, wherein [any one of claims 3-8, characterized in that] at least two adjacent layers have substantially equal thermal expansion coefficients.

Claim 10. (Amended) A stator according to claim 3, wherein [any one of claims 3-9, characterized in that] each of said three layers is solidly connected to the adjacent layer along substantially the whole of a connecting surface therebetween.

Claim 11. (Amended) A stator according to claim 3, wherein [any one of claims 3-10, characterized in that] said layers [are arranged to] adhere to one another where the [even when the insulated conductor or] cable is subjected to a bending force.

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Claim 12. (Amended) A stator according to claim 1, wherein [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that] the stator winding is insertable [arranged to be inserted] between each stator tooth plank before [they] said planks are [fitted] fit together [to form a section of a stator core or to form a complete stator core].

Claim 13. (Amended) A stator according to claim 1, wherein [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that] the stator tooth comprises a forward tooth portion facing inwards, towards the rotor, when mounted in the stator, and a yoke portion facing outwards, [that said] each stator tooth [has two] opposite lateral sides each [facing the] confronting a corresponding side of an adjacent stator tooth, [that the] said confronting lateral sides together forming a slot [of the tooth portion facing inwards are provided with slots] for receiving the winding and [that] a lining disposed on at least one of the lateral sides [of the yoke portion is provided with a], the lining being formed [made] of a resilient material.

Claim 14. (Amended) A stator according to claim 1, wherein [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that] the stator tooth comprises a forward tooth portion facing inwards, towards the rotor, when mounted in the stator and a yoke portion facing outwards, [that said] each stator tooth having a pair of [has two] opposite lateral sides

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each lateral side facing [the] a corresponding side of an adjacent stator tooth, [that] the facing lateral sides of the adjacent stator teeth forming [tooth portion facing inwards is provided with] slots for receiving the winding, and [in that it] further comprising [comprises] a separate lining element of a resilient material [which is inserted] located between the facing lateral sides of the yoke portions of [two] adjacent stator teeth.

Claim 15. (Amended) A stator according to claim 1, wherein [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that] each stator tooth has at least one longitudinal axial notch [is arranged in the tooth,] along its innermost side [and] facing the rotor, and [that] a key element of a non magnetic material is positioned in said notch [in order] to prevent lateral oscillations of said tooth [and/or the adjacent tooth].

Claim 16. (Amended) A stator according to claim 15, further including a lining located in [characterized in that] the notch [is provided with a lining] formed of a resilient material.

Claim 17. (Amended) A stator according to claim 1, further comprising [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it comprises] compressing means for

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tangentially compressing the teeth [of the stator, thereby] for providing a prestressing at the innermost end of the teeth.

Claim 18. (Amended) A stator according to claim 17, wherein [characterized in that] the compressing means includes a stator frame.

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Claim 19. (Amended) A stator according to claim 1, further comprising an annular stator frame surrounding the core for securing [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that] the stator core sections of the complete stator core [are held] in place [by means of an annular stator frame, surrounding said core].

Claim 20. (Amended) A stator according to claim 18[-19], wherein the tooth has an outer yoke portion, and further including [characterized in that the stator core section is provided with] a stator frame, and a lining of a resilient material located on the external side of the yoke portion of said tooth, [which is] in contact with the stator frame.

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Claim 22. (Amended) A stator according to claim 20, wherein [any one of claims 18-21, characterized in that] the stator frame [is provided with] has at least one longitudinal

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Claim 23. (Amended) A stator according to claim 20, wherein [any one of claims 18-22, characterized in that] the stator frame is divided into at least two frame sections, such that a longitudinal axial opening is formed [created] between the frame sections, and further including [that] means [are provided] for connecting the frame sections and for tightening said frame around the stator core [by means of] for reducing said openings.

Claim 24. (Amended) A stator according to claim 23, wherein [any one of claims 22-23, characterized in that] said means for tightening the stator frame includes a bolted joint operating [and that said bolted joint works] against the [action of the] resilient material of [in] the linings [and/or lining elements].

Claim 25. (Amended) A stator according to claim 24, wherein [any one of claims 22-24, characterized in that] the stator frame further includes a spring[ing] means associated with said tightening means, [and that by means of said springing means the

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opening] such that the openings in the stator frame and the winding slots are automatically adjusted to thermal expansions and contractions of the winding.

Claim 26. (Amended) A stator according to claim 25, wherein [characterized in that] the spring[ing] means includes a cup spring.

Claim 27. (Amended) A stator according to claim 17, wherein [any one of claims 17, characterized in that] the compressing means includes a structure of prestressing means, arranged along the circumference of the core, including [and] brackets arranged axially for distributing the compressive force to the core.

Claim 28. (Amended) A stator according to claim 27, wherein [characterized in that] the [prestressing] compressing means includes rods or wires.

Claim 29. (Amended) A stator according to claim 28, wherein [any one of claims 27-28, characterized in that] the each tooth has a yoke portion including an external side and the stator has a yoke for engaging [of] the external side of the yoke portions of the teeth along a contact surface therebetween [are in contact with a stator yoke portion, arranged along said yoke portions], and [that a] friction means is [provided] located at

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the contact surface [between said external side of the yoke portions and said stator yoke portion].

Claim 30. (Amended) A stator according to claim 17, wherein [any one of claims 17-28, characterized in that] the compressing means includes at least one clamping ring applied circumferentially around the stator core.

Claim 31. (Amended) A stator according to claim 27 [any one of claims 27-30, characterized in that it] further [comprises] comprising a base upon which the core is supported.

Claim 32. (Amended) A stator according to claim 13, wherein [any one of claims 13-31, characterized in that] the resilient material is rubber.

Claim 33. (Amended) A stator according to claim 1, wherein [any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] each tooth section includes guiding means [and thus each stator tooth plank is provided] on both lateral sides [with]; said guiding means for engaging in mating relation with [designed to fit against] corresponding guiding means [of corresponding shape] on the adjacent stator tooth [planks].

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Claim 34. (Amended) A method for [use in the] manufacturing [of] a stator for a high voltage rotating electric machine having [for high voltages, comprising] a stator, with a stator core, [and] a winding and a rotor, wherein said stator core [is provided with] has stator teeth extending radially inwards, towards said rotor[, characterized in:] comprising the steps of:

axially joining a number of tooth sections into a stator tooth plank[, thereby] for forming said stator tooth

fitting, side by side, a number of stator tooth planks, for [thereby] forming [a] at least one section of the [a] stator core [or a complete stator core], and

providing a winding within which a generated electric field is enclosed for at least one turn of said winding.

Claim 35. (Amended) A method according to claim 34, further comprising [characterized in] joining together a number of sections of [a] the stator core [in order to achieve] to form a complete stator core.

Claim 36. (Amended) A method according to claim 34, comprising of [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in] providing a winding comprising a high voltage field confining cable [as described in any one of claims 3-11].

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Claim 37. (Amended) A method according to claim 34, comprising the steps of [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that]

a) removably locating an initial fixture element, [e.g. in the form of] including at least one of a stator tooth plank [or] and a fixture tooth [is removably placed] in a manufacturing fixture

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b) removably inserting at least one temporary stator tooth [is removably inserted] in the fixture

c) inserting a stator winding [is inserted] on the temporary stator tooth [or teeth] situated closest to the fixture element

d) removing the temporary stator tooth situated closest to the fixture element [is removed] from the manufacturing fixture, and allowing the stator winding placed on the temporary stator tooth to fall or be pressed down into [and assume its] a correct position in a first winding slot in the fixture element

e) inserting a stator tooth [is inserted] into the manufacturing fixture and fitting the stator tooth [fitted] over the stator winding

f) repeating steps a) through e) [are repeated] until at least a section of [or] a complete stator core has been produced.

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Claim 38. (Amended) A method according to claim 37 comprising after step d), gluing a yoke portion of [characterized in that] each stator tooth plank [is glued] to a corresponding yoke portion of a previously fitted stator tooth plank [at its yoke portion after step d)].

Claim 39. (Amended) A method according to claim 37 comprising gluing [characterized in that] each stator tooth plank [is glued] to a previously fitted tooth plank at a corresponding [its] yoke position after a section of [or] a complete stator core has been manufactured.

Claim 40. (Amended) A method according to claim 37, comprising rotating [any of claims 37-39, characterized in that during manufacture of the stator] the fixture [is rotated] about a horizontal axis corresponding to an axis of [the axial] symmetry [axis] of the stator.

Claim 41. (Amended) A method according to claim 37, comprising joining [any of claims 37-40, characterized in that] the stator windings [are joined] to define [the] an intended number of poles and phases.

Claim 45. (Amended) A method according to claim 44, comprising of [characterized in] providing a lining of a resilient material inside the notch.

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Claim 46. (Amended) A method according to claim 34, comprising [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in] applying compression means for tangentially compressing the teeth of the stator, thereby providing a prestressing at the innermost end of the teeth.

Claim 47. (Amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein the teeth each have an yoke portion and with an external side comprising [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in] providing a lining of a resilient material to the external side of the yoke portion of the stator tooth.

Claim 48. (Amended) A method according to claim 47, wherein the stator has a frame with an inwardly facing surface comprising [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in] providing a lining of a resilient material to the inwardly facing surface of [a] the stator frame, which enters into contact with the external sides of the yoke portions of the stator teeth.

Claim 49. (Amended) A method according to claim 34, comprising [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in] assembling the stator core sections into a complete stator core within a stator frame.

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Claim 50. (Amended) A method according to claim 49, wherein adjacent stator planks from slots having walls comprising [any one of claims 47-49, characterized in tightening the stator frame, which constitutes said compression means, and] surrounding the stator core with [whereby the] resilient material, and tightening the stator frame for compressing the resilient material so that [is compressed and] the winding is pressed against the walls of the slots.

Claim 51. (Amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein the teeth each have a yoke portion with an external side and the stator has a yoke engaging the external side at a contact surface, comprising [any one of claims 34-46, characterized in] providing a friction means at the contact surface between the external side of the yoke portions of the teeth and [a] the stator yoke portion arranged circumferentially along said external side of the yoke portions.

Claim 52. (Amended) A method according to claim 46, comprising [any one of claims 46 or 51, characterized in] fitting the core sections together under compression by [means of a structure, which constitutes said compression means,] comprising prestressing [means arranged along] the core about the circumference and [of the core, and brackets arranged axially for] distributing the compressive force to the core.

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Claim 53. (Amended) A method according to claim 46, comprising [any one of claims 46-52, characterized in] fitting the core sections together under compression by means of applying at least one clamping ring[, which constitutes said compression means,] circumferentially around the core.

Claim 54. (Amended) A method according to claim 34, comprising [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in] inserting the winding in the axial direction of the stator core.

Claim 55. (Amended) A method according to claim 34, comprising [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in] manufacturing the stator on the site of installation of the rotating electric machine.

Claim 56. (Amended) A stator for a rotating electric machine, [characterized in that it is] manufactured in accordance with the method in claim 34 [any one of claims 34-55].